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Anti-encroachment drive by Mysuru Development Authority

9-acre land worth Rs. 90 cr. reclaimed

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (MTY&BCT)- In a major anti-encroachment drive yesterday, officials of Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) carried out two operations on the outskirts of city at Devanur, reclaiming around 9 acres of land valued at Rs. 90 crore.

The land has been brought back under MDA possession, and fencing work is underway today to secure the reclaimed property. Acting on the directions of MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith, teams, accompanied by Police personnel, demolished unauthorised vehicle parking sheds and other structures using earthmovers.

The drive covered Survey Nos. 155, 156 and 153/2, where 5 acres and 19 guntas were cleared, and Survey Nos. 228/2, 229/1 and 229/2, where 3 acres and 22 guntas were reclaimed.

MDA Assistant Executive Engineer Sunitha and officials inspecting the drive on city outskirts yesterday.

Officials said the encroachments largely consisted of makeshift sheds and parking areas that had been illegally set up. The reclaimed land will now be protected and reserved for planned development.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Rakshith said multiple notices had been issued to the encroachers, who failed to comply with MDA directives.

"This is a large parcel of MDA land and several Civic Amenities (CA) sites are located behind it. As the encroachers did not vacate, we had to proceed with the demolition under Police protection," he said.

MDA Assistant Executive Engineer Sunitha and other officials supervised the operation.

During the drive, some encroachers staged a brief protest, with a few physically challenged persons seeking a halt to the demolition on humanitarian grounds.

However, officials went ahead with the operation, allowing occupants to remove zinc sheets, asbestos, tarpaulins and other materials before the structures were cleared. Police maintained security at the site to prevent any untoward incidents.

5.8-acre land returned to KSIC filature factory

Govt. backs out of stadium project; land back with Sericulture Department

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (MTY&BCT)- The Karnataka Government has formally withdrawn its earlier order transferring 5 acres of land from the Department of Sericulture and the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) Filature Factory at Bhyrapura village in T. Narasipur taluk to the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) for building a stadium.

Sericulture Minister K. Venkatesh had announced in the Assembly on Mar. 9 that the

proposal to build a taluk-level stadium on 5.8 acres of land within the 13.11-acre factory campus had been dropped. However, the absence of a formal order had raised doubts over the Government's stand.

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'Digital Twin'

MCC to roll out Rs. 15 crore AI-driven 3D aerial survey project to map properties

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (BLU&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is set to roll out a Rs. 15 crore project to create an AI-driven 3D aerial survey of every property in the Greater Mysuru City Corporation (GMCC) limits using advanced LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) and radar technology mounted on drones and aircraft.

The initiative, termed the 'Digital Twin Model', aims to bring scientific precision to property mapping and urban planning.

A digital twin is a virtual replica of a real city, built using real-time data from sensors, maps and infrastructure, enabling planners to simulate scenarios such as traffic changes and infrastructure stress and make data-driven decisions.

A pilot survey conducted on Mar. 7 in Santhepet, covering around 500 properties using LiDAR and radar (Radio Detection and Ranging), was successful. Following this, the MCC has decided to extend the project across the entire GMCC region.

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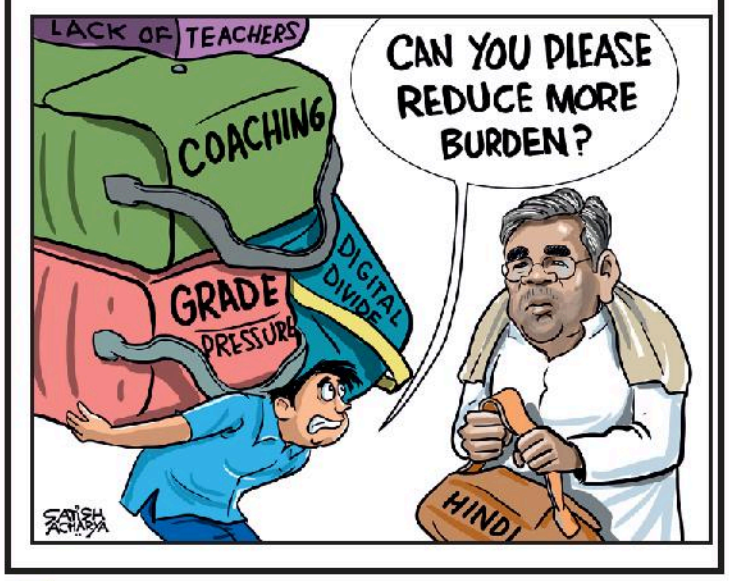
STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE STRENGTH OF BEING STILL: ***In an era that celebrates singular labels and loud self-promotion, the truest strength lies in the refusal to be just one thing. Modern life often pressures individuals to define themselves within narrow boundaries: one must be either the extrovert or the introvert; the daring adventurer or the homebody.***

Yet, the most resilient among us embody a paradox — carrying a daring spirit within a calm exterior. These "quiet storms" understand that the intense heat of industry is only sustainable when tempered by the cool sanctuary of private reflection. This sophisticated balance is written into the rhythm of a truly productive life.

Mornings may be spent pursuing ambitious goals with relentless focus, only to have the day end in a retreat into silence as the sun sets. To an observer, this might look like inconsistency; in reality, it is a functional harmony. A daring spirit provides the "why" for our efforts — the spark that identifies the mountain to climb. Conversely, a calm nature provides the "how," offering the mental clarity needed to navigate the ascent without being deafened by the world's noise. Guarding private time is not an act of withdrawal; it is self-preservation in a world of exhausting digital performance.

This "inner sanctuary" is the soil where the next great effort takes root. If a person were always "on," they would eventually burn out like a flame with too much oxygen and no fuel. By valuing solitude, we ensure that when it is time to step back into the world, we do so from a place of genuine fullness rather than performative exhaustion.

The greatest challenge remains the misguided advice of those who find complexity uncomfortable. When society suggests "fixing" a quiet nature or "toning down" an ambition to fit a predictable mould, one must hold their ground. We are not problems to be solved; we are unique, intricate compositions.

Integrity means staying true to this multifaceted nature, even when the world lacks a convenient label for it. History confirms this duality. Mahatma Gandhi challenged an empire through revolutionary daring, yet drew strength from a weekly day of silence. J.R.D. Tata built a global empire while maintaining a modest personality that shunned the limelight.

Simply put, the power of a quiet storm lies in its depth, not its noise. By honouring both the spark of the day and the silence of the night, it is possible to achieve a success that is both impactful and sustainable. *—Ananthapadmanabhan in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Octopus stuck in man's oesophagus

Jalan Tan Tock Seng: Doctors in Singapore were shocked to discover an octopus lodged in a man's oesophagus while performing a gastrointestinal examination to see what was causing him to vomit.

The unnamed Singaporean man first realised something was wrong when he started vomiting following a meal that happen to include a raw octopus. When he realised that he also had trouble swallowing, the man panicked and quickly decided to pay a visit to the Tan Tock Seng Hospital emergency room.

Doctors there quickly conducted a CT scan, which revealed a super-dense mass in the man's oesophagus, but they couldn't be sure what it was without attempting an invasive procedure. That's how they discovered that the man had a whole octopus stuck in his throat. They had to use forceps to grab the sea creature and pull it out of the oesophagus.

Artist's optical illusions in plain sight

Chenzou: A 33-year-old artist from Chenzou, China, has been getting a lot of attention for turning trees, utility poles, and road signs into optical illusions that blend into their backgrounds.

Huang Yao is a talented 3D painter who showcases his skills by turning local infrastructure and plant life into original artworks. The young Chinese specialises in creating perfect camouflage for his creations, which makes them blend into the background perfectly.

But that would mean that most people either walk right by them without even noticing his stunning work, or run straight into them and injure themselves. Neither case is ideal, so Huang usually adds certain elements to make his optical illusions stand out.

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'Practical exposure excels students in taxation'

Mysuru, Apr. 22 - A workshop on "From Theory to Practice: GST and Direct Tax Hands on Experience" was organised by the PG Department of Commerce at JSS College of Arts Commerce and Science, Ooty Road, Mysuru recently. The programme aimed to provide practical knowledge of the Indian tax system to students.

After the inauguration by watering a plant, the Chief Executive of the College, Prof. B. V. Sambhashivaiah, highlighted the importance of GST and direct taxes.

He emphasised that understanding the tax system is essential for the development of the Indian economy. He explained that the Indian tax system is based on the Constitution of India Article 265 and is broadly divided into direct and indirect taxes. The tax system plays a crucial role in sectors such as education, defence, science and technology, thereby contributing to national development.

Dr. Prabhu, Principal of the College, stated that knowledge of GST and taxation practices is essential for students, faculty and aspiring tax practitioners.

Resource person Chinthan, Auditor and Tax Consultant, provided insights into filing GST and direct tax returns. He explained the procedures clearly and highlighted their importance for M.Com students.

About 90 students and 4 teachers participated. Meghana welcomed. Ananya H.C. Gowda proposed the vote of thanks. P. Dhanush compered. Dr. N. Dileep, Head of the Department, was present on the occasion.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Rising traffic violations, courtesy of city Police

Sir,

I would like to draw attention to the growing issue of traffic violations in Mysuru. With the city's increasing population, offences such as signal jumping, wrong-side driving and riding on footpaths have become alarmingly common, endangering the lives of rule-abiding citizens.

What is particularly concerning is that even at major junctions like Manipal Hospital Junction, where surveillance cameras are installed, many motorists continue to ignore traffic signals without fear of consequences. This points to a lack of effective enforcement by the Police.

It is also often seen that even in the presence of Traffic Police at busy junctions, motorists blatantly jump signals without hesitation. At the same time, enforcement efforts appear to be focused more on collecting fines on less important roads rather than addressing high-risk violations at major junctions.

If stricter measures are not implemented, Mysuru risks heading down the same path as Bengaluru, where traffic indiscipline has become a major challenge.

A strong step forward would be to increase fines and introduce licence suspension for deliberate and dangerous violations such as signal jumping and riding on footpaths.

The Police authorities must urgently prioritise strict, visible enforcement at major junctions, ensure accountability through existing surveillance systems and impose meaningful penalties to deter such dangerous behaviour

—Parikshith Shashidhar
Mysuru
12.4.2026

Anniversary of Dhyana Kendra

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (DM)- The ten-day 8th anniversary of Uttaradi Mutt branch, Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra in Srirampura, will be held from Apr. 23.

Pandit Baadarayanacharya will deliver a discourse (Gayatri Chintana) from 4 pm to 7.30 pm from Apr. 23 to 25.

Homa will be performed on the morning of Apr. 26 and Srinivasa Kalyana will be performed in the evening.

On Apr. 27, the rituals will begin with Sarva Moola and Vedaparayana in the morning, followed by Harinama Sankeertane by A.R. Kausalya and A.R. Aprameya at 6 pm.

On Apr. 28, Pandit Aniruddhacharya Pandurangi will deliver a discourse (Sri Dhanvantri Mahime) at 6 pm.

On Apr. 29, the rituals will begin with Dhanvantri Homa in the morning; Pandit Vyasateertha Acharya will deliver a discourse (Narasimha Mahime) at 6 pm.

On Apr. 30, the rituals will begin with Narasimha Homa in the morning; Pandit Adya Govindacharya will deliver a discourse (Koormavatara) at 6 pm.

On May 1, the rituals will begin with Purushasookta and Srisookta Homa in the morning; Maharathotsava of the presiding deity in the evening.

On May 2, Padapuja to Uttaradi Mutt Seer Sri Satyatmateertha Swamiji at 8 am, followed by Mudradharane and Ksheerabhisheka.

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Ch'nagar oxygen tragedy: 25 kin of victims get job

Chamarajanagar, Apr. 22 (SS&BS)- Ending a five-year fight of the family members of those who lost their lives in oxygen tragedy at the District Hospital, the State Government has accorded Government jobs to majority of 25 relatives of the victims.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar handed over appointment letters to relatives of oxygen tragedy victims in Chamarajanagar district yesterday in the presence of Ministers Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Satish Jarakiholi and others.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar handed over appointment letters to 25 persons recruiting them to Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS) Hospital, at a programme held to release water to 110 lakes at Devaraj Urs Stadium in Gundlupet town in the district yesterday.

Those who received the appointment letters are: Rani and Saraswati as Staff Nurses of CIMS Hospital; Arun Kumar, Satyabhama, Manjunath, Nagarathna, Poornima and Triveni as House-keeping Staff of CIMS; Shashank, Nagarathna, Nandini, Lakshmi, Asha, Kavya, Pavitra, Raghava, Jyoti, Shwetha, Pavitra, Rajappaji, Ashwini, Manu, Nanjashetty and Nagendra Swamy and another totalling 17, as 'D' group staff of CIMS.

With this, the Congress Government has fulfilled the promise it had made during *Bharat Jodo Yatra* led by Opposition Leader in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi. During his interaction with the relatives of oxygen tragedy victims, Rahul Gandhi, accompanied by Shivakumar, had assured Government jobs, if the party came to power in the State.

It may be mentioned that on May 2, 2021, as many as 34 in-patients of CIMS Hospital, had met with their tragic end due to lack of oxygen supply to the hospital. The BJP Government led by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa was in power at the time of the incident.

After the Congress came to power in 2023 Assembly elections, the family members of the deceased, with the support of Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) workers, had staged several protests, demanding the Government to fulfil the promise.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Bhagiratha Jayanti

The District administration, in association with Kannada and Culture department, MCC and Sri Bhagiratha Jayantotsava Samiti, will celebrate Bhageeratha Jayanti at Kalamandira on Hunsur road at 12 noon tomorrow (Apr. 23).

Hostel admission

The JSS Mahavidyapeetha has invited applications for admission to JSS students Hostel located on 1st Main, 1st Cross, Bogadi 2nd Stage in city. Admission is open to students studying in 5th to 10th standard. Application forms can be had from the hostel office or through WhatsApp. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548212 or Mob: 97414-52271 or 96205-01469.

Musical evening

Nakshatra Academy of Arts, Mysuru, has organised Mohana Madhurya - A Musical Evening of Dr. Rajkumar and Dr. S. Janaki songs, at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall in Krishnamurthypuram on Apr. 24 from 4 pm to 10 pm.

BVA course

CAVA (Chamarajendra Academy of Visual Arts), Siddarthanagar in city, has invited applications from 2nd PUC or equivalent passed students for admission to 1st year of 4-year (8 semesters) BVA (Bachelor of Visual Arts) course as per the curriculum of State Education Policy. The applications are available online in the UUCMS portal- ***https://uucms.karnataka.gov.in*** or ***https:// www.cavamysore.karnataka.gov.in***. The last date for submission of application forms is May 30. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2438931.

Health and eye check-up camps

As part of World Book and Copyright Day, the City Central Library, in association with Baalya Foundation, Manipal Multi-Speciality Hospital, Mysuru and Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital, has organised a health check-up camp and eye check-up camp at People's Park Library in Nazarbad at 10 am tomorrow (Apr. 23). Due to the celebration, the City Central Library and all branches/ service Libraries in city will function from 8 am to 11.30 am and from 4 pm to 8 pm tomorrow (Apr. 23).

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli is conducting a health check-up camp till May 7. Camp will be open from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm on all working days. Tomorrow (Apr. 23), a free blood test (CBG) will be available for those suffering from diabetes and a Food Expo has been organised for good health, especially for diabetic patients. For details, contact Mob: 98864-85005, 95383-67282.

Trips turn tragic

Two girl students drown at Talakad; one meets watery grave in Muthathi

Mysuru/Halagur, Apr. 22 (MTY &KS)- In separate incidents two girl students were drowned in River Cauvery at Talakad Nisargadhama in T. Narasipur taluk on Tuesday, while another student drowned at Muthathi in Malavalli taluk, Mandya district on Monday.

In the first case, two girl students allegedly met with their watery grave after they were caught in the whirlpool while swimming in River Cauvery at Talakad in T. Narasipur taluk yesterday.

The deceased have been identified as Ramya (16) and Charvi (12), students of Auxilium Navajeevana Society at Chamarajpet in Bengaluru. Another student, 12-year-old Suchitra has been admitted to a private hospital in Mysuru.

Auxilium Navajeevana Society houses rescued girls aged between six and 18 years, where they are given shelter, education and skill training.

Following summer vacation, 71 girl students, accompanied by nine teachers arrived at Nisargadhama in Talakad on Tuesday at about 11 am. As the place was crowded, the girls were divided into groups and they began to play in the river at the available spots.

While the girls were playing in the river, five girls were caught in the whirlpool and began to drown. Other girls, who saw the five girls drowning, screamed for help attracting Talakad Police, Home Guards and Swimmers, who rushed to the spot and rescued the five girls identified as Keerthi, Roshami, Ramya, Charvi and Suchitra.

While Keerthi and Roshami recovered on the river banks, Ramya and Charvi breathed their last while being shifted to a hospital and Suchitra is undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Mysuru, where she is said to be out of danger.

The bodies of Ramya and Charvi were shifted to MMC&RI mortuary where post-mortem was conducted & were handed over to the teachers.

Talakad Police Sub-Inspector Vijayarao, Assistant Sub-Inspector K.P. Nagendra Murthy, Head Constable D. Madappa visited the spot and registered a case.

Another student drowns at Muthathi

In the second incident, a student from Bengaluru, who had come to attend a house warming ceremony at Benamanahalli village along with five of his friends, drowned in River Cauvery at Muthathi in Malavalli taluk of Mandya district on Monday.

The deceased is N. Shreyas (19), a first year B.Com student at SSMRV College, Jayanagar in Bengaluru. Shreyas went for a swim during which he drowned in the strong currents, it is learnt.

Halagur Police have registered a case.

11 drowning deaths in three days

As many as 11 persons have drowned in River Cauvery in three days in the district, one in Mandya.

Three days back, Yasin (23), Haima (13), Syed Fathima (38) of Ooty, Neha (20), Umer (7) and Afiya (20) of Mysuru were drowned in River Cauvery near Meenakshi Sametha Arkeshwaraswamy Temple, Hale Yedathore at K.R. Nagar on Apr. 19.

In another incident, Ganesh (22) and Imran (28), who went for a swim in the river near Dodda Harave village at Periyapatna, were drowned.

On Monday, Ramya (16) and Charvi (12), students of Auxilium Navajeevana Society at Chamarajpet in Bengaluru, were drowned in River Cauvery at Talakad Nisargadhama.

Officials concerned have urged students, tourists and public not to venture into the River if they do not know how to swim and those who know to swim are urged to take precautions while swimming in the River

Woman, youth seek Police protection

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (MK&KS)- A 37-year-old woman and a 22-year-old youth, claiming to have been married, have approached Mysuru Superintendent of Police (SP) Office seeking protection.

Kavitha, a widow and resident of Challaghatta in Bengaluru and Bhaskar, a resident of Rammanahalli on the outskirts of city, were in love since a year. The couple got married at Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple at Vontikoppal in city.

Bhaskar, who was an autorickshaw driver in Bengaluru, used to regularly pick up Kavitha and her mother Bhagyamma from their house and drop them to Bande Makaalamma Temple, regularly during which love is said to have blossomed between the two.

Kavitha told media persons that following low blood pressure, her husband had passed away and she has a 14-year-old son. She alleged that she was being harassed at her father's house and added that she had got married to Bhaskar, whom she knew since a year.

Alleging threat from her father and a relative, the couple sought Police protection.

Ganja peddler sentenced to jail

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (KS)- City's 7th Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a ganja peddler of Hunsur to two years rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 20,000 after he was found guilty.

The convict is K.M. Ravi. On July 17, 2024 at about 7.15 pm, CEN Dy.SP N. Raghu and staff took Ravi into custody and seized the plastic bag, as he came walking from Kattemalalawadi side towards the Bus Stand, near Shanimahatma Temple.

After mentioning the seized item in the Court's inventory, the seized item was sent to Regional Forensic Science Laboratory (RFSL), where it was confirmed that the seized item is ganja. Following the RFSL report, Investigating Officer Lamani Sushma submitted a charge sheet to the Court.

Judge M. Ramesh, who took up the case on Apr. 17, found accused Ravi guilty and sentenced him to two years rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 20,000 under 20(b) (ii) B of the NDPS Act. Failing to pay the fine, the convict has to undergo an additional three months simple imprisonment.

Public Prosecutor N.B. Vijayalakshmi argued the case.

Retired Professor Lakshmi Rangaswamy passes away

Mysuru, Apr. 22- Prof. Lakshmi Rangaswamy (75), retired Professor at Teresian College and a resident of Alanahalli Layout, passed away following a heart attack on Monday night in city.

Prof. Lakshmi Rangaswamy

She leaves behind her husband retired Police Officer J.B. Rangaswamy, son Deepak Jebar, daughter Divya Jebar and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held tomorrow (Apr. 23) at 12.30 pm at the foot of Chamundi Hill after the arrival of Deepak and Divya from the United States.

The body of Prof. Lakshmi has been kept at St. Joseph's Hospital's cold storage unit in Bannimantap here and will be shifted to the residence after the arrival of her children.

Obituary

M.N. Jayaprakash

Mysuru, Apr. 22- M.N. Jayaprakash (76), retired Chief Manager of Vijaya Bank and a resident of SBM Colony in Srirampura 2nd Stage, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife retired SBI Manager Usha Jayaprakash, son M.J. Raghu and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this afternoon.

Mukkatira Ponnappa

Mukkatira Ponnappa (77), a resident of No. 146, 1st Main, 1st Cross at T.K. Layout, passed away yesterday in city.

A native of Kunjeri village in Kodagu, he leaves behind his wife Banu (Channira), son Ram Aiyappa, daughter Laxmi Ponnappa and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

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Defunct mining land turns hotspot for illegal activity

RTI activist alleges plunder of natural resources, encroachment of Govt. land at Shyadanahalli

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (MTY&BS)- A Right To Information (RTI) activist has complained to the Mysuru District Administration and Taluk Administration, alleging that the officials have turned a blind eye towards the unabated looting of natural resources at the defunct mining land spread over 5 acres, worth several crores of rupees, belonging to the Government at Shyadanahalli village in Mysuru taluk.

The land in question has fallen into decay, after the expiry of the mining lease, over 30 years ago, making it easier for vested interests to set their eyes on iron ore valued at crores.

On the other hand, some of the land sharks have encroached upon a portion of the land and converting them to sites, but still, the officials have remained nonchalant, raising suspicion about their silence.

The 4 acres and 8 guntas of land bearing Survey No. 116 and 1 acre and 4 guntas of land in Survey No. 119, coming under 'B' Kharab (Government land), had been leased to one Raji V. Raman for the period of 20 years in the year 1970. After the expiry of the mining lease, the lessee returned the land to the Government.

However, the authorities concerned, instead of securing the land, left it open, making it easy for the private parties to lay their hands on the public asset.

Following the complaint by RTI activist Nagendra, the Tahsildar, Revenue Inspector and Village Administrative Officer allegedly made a perfunctory visit to the spot. The two officers, who carried out a survey, submitted contradictory reports, only to give license to illegality.

Tahsildar K.M. Mahesh Kumar told *Star of Mysore* today that he had written to the Department of Land Survey to survey the said land and submit the report. "If the said land is identified as Government land in the report, action will be taken within the ambit of law," he said. However, earlier, during the spot visit, the land was claimed to be private property.

5.8-acre land returned to KSIC filature factory

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The withdrawal was officially notified on Apr. 21 by N. Pramila, Deputy Secretary to the Government, Department of Horticulture and Sericulture.

The original order, issued on July 14, 2025, had transferred land in Survey Nos. 22/1A, 22/2, 23/1D and 23/7 to the Sports Department for the proposed stadium.

According to the latest Government Order, the KSIC Managing Director had, in letters dated Mar. 5 and Mar. 16, 2026, strongly objected to the plan, citing operational and environmental concerns.

The MD noted that the silk reeling unit at the site is crucial for supplying raw silk yarn to KSIC's production units. The availability of Kapila River water, suited for high-quality silk production and plans to install four automatic reeling machines requiring nearly 10 lakh litres of water daily were highlighted.

It was also pointed out that the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) had directed KSIC to set up an Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP), and that the proposed stadium site overlaps with the effluent flow zone, making it technically unsuitable. Concerns were also raised over air pollution and safety due to nearby boiler operations.

Deputy Secretary Pramila noted that a joint inspection involving the local MLA, Deputy Commissioner, KSIC officials and representatives from the Revenue and Youth Empowerment Departments concluded that the land was not suitable for stadium construction.

The proposal had also drawn opposition from environmental groups, local organisations and farmers, who staged protests against the transfer. Taking these factors into account, the Government has cancelled the July 14, 2025 order with immediate effect and the land be handed over to the Sericulture Department.

'DIGITAL TWIN'

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DC briefed on the project

This is the first time such a project is being implemented in Karnataka. MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif has briefed Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy and obtained oral consent.

Formal approval from the Government is awaited, after which the survey is expected to be completed before the monsoon under the guidance of the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT).

Mysuru has about 2.31 lakh properties, including private houses, institutions, companies and Government offices. So far, property records have remained incomplete, with encroachments and unauthorised extensions persisting despite Urban Property Ownership Record (UPOR) documentation.

The Digital Twin Model is expected to address these gaps by scientifically recording each property's dimensions, including length, breadth, height and total area, in the MCC database.

The system will also make it easier to detect encroachments. Any deviation, such as extension into a neighbouring property, can be identified by comparing digital twin data with existing records.

The model has already been implemented in cities such as Amaravathi, Varanasi, Pune, Mumbai, Delhi and Ahmedabad. With Mysuru taking the lead, Karnataka joins this list, even as Bengaluru, India's IT Capital, is yet to adopt the technology.

Digital Twin model to help planning, curb inflated billing

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (BLU&BCT)- The 'Digital Twin Model' project in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) jurisdiction, will not only record property details but also generate comprehensive data on city roads and footpaths.

Going forward, every civic work, including road construction, asphalting and underground drainage, will be backed by precise cost estimates generated through the model.

Officials say this is expected to curb inflated project costs. For instance, works that should cost Rs. 50 lakh but are billed at Rs. 1 crore will no longer escape scrutiny.

Once the project is implemented, the MCC will rely on Digital Twin data before finalising any civic works.

Crucial aid for disaster response

The Digital Twin Model will also serve as a vital tool for the Fire and Emergency Services Department. With detailed road information available, firefighters will be able to identify the quickest routes to accident sites.

By locating a spot on the model, they can access accurate data and determine the most suitable wide roads for rapid movement.

During the monsoon, the model will also highlight flood-prone areas, enabling the MCC to plan preventive measures and strengthen disaster management strategies.

Precision in 3D

Unlike conventional digital maps, the Digital Twin Model will provide clear 3D representations of every building, house and road in Mysuru. While Google Maps offers general location data, it often lacks precision and clarity.

The new system aims to eliminate such gaps by ensuring that every structure and street is mapped with scientific accuracy. This will allow residents, officials and emergency responders to access exact visual data of any location, making navigation and planning far more reliable.

Central grant for city development

If implemented successfully, the Digital Twin project will bring Mysuru a development grant of Rs. 60 crore. This is the first time such a model is being introduced in Karnataka. Once it proves effective, the Central Government is expected to sanction the grant for the city's development.

The project will cost around Rs. 15 crore to implement, but the returns in terms of funding and long-term benefits will be significant. We have been working on the framework for the past six months, and it is now ready for roll out.

We aim to complete the drone survey before the monsoon, though full implementation may take up to a year. This 3D scientific survey, powered by modern technology, will greatly benefit Mysuru city.

— Shaikh Tanveer Asif,
Commissioner, Mysuru City Corporation

US woman alleges rape by Jharkhand cook

Incident in Kodagu homestay; cook arrested on rape charges; homestay owner held for suppressing the offence

Mysuru/Madikeri, Apr. 22 (AG,PS&BCT)- A woman from the United States of America (USA) has alleged that she was raped at a homestay in Kutta village of Kodagu district after being given a drug-laced drink by a worker.

Based on her complaint, Kodagu Police have arrested Vrujesh Kumar, a native of Jharkhand working as a cook at 'Devi Villa' homestay, and the property's owner, Vishal Ponnappa.

Kodagu Superintendent of Police R.N. Bindu Mani confirmed the case, stating in a brief release that a sexual assault complaint involving a foreign national has been registered at Kutta Police Station and that two accused have been arrested and remanded to judicial custody. She declined to share further details, citing the ongoing investigation.

An FIR (No. 0037/2026) has been registered at Kutta Police Station. However, details of the FIR, including the nature of the case and the role of the homestay owner, have not been uploaded online. Court documents have also not been made public, adding to the intrigue surrounding the case.

Police have booked the homestay owner for allegedly attempting to suppress the incident. He is accused of disconnecting Wi-Fi services at the property for three days, which reportedly prevented the victim from contacting anyone. After regaining access, the woman is said to have left the homestay on the pretext of travelling to Mysuru.

She subsequently informed the United States Embassy, following which officials contacted Mysuru Police via e-mail, leading to the registration of the case. The victim has reportedly stated that she has preserved evidence and sought formal action.

A five-member team from the Consulate General of the United States, Chennai, along with officials from the Ministry of External Affairs, visited the homestay yesterday and reviewed the situation. They also coordinated with Kodagu and Mysuru Police.

Police sources said there is *prima facie* evidence suggesting that the owner attempted to restrict the victim's communication. His role is under further investigation. Both accused have been remanded to judicial custody till May 3 by a local court.

Investigators are continuing with forensic analysis and the collection of digital evidence.

Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna has stressed the need to protect the victim's identity and directed that the case be handled with confidentiality until she leaves India in two days.

Police acted swiftly, claims Home Minister Dr. Parameshwar

Bengaluru, Apr. 22 (AG& BCT)- Commenting on the alleged sexual assault of an American tourist at a homestay in Kodagu, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar said in Bengaluru this morning that strict action would be taken in accordance with the law.

"Those running establishments, such as homestays, must have proper licences. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are already in place for their operation. If incidents occur in violation of these norms, legal action must follow," he said.

The Minister said the Police acted promptly after the matter came to light. "The accused have been arrested and further action will be taken as per law. Such incidents send a wrong message about the State and society, especially when foreigners are involved," he noted.

Dr. Parameshwar *C.T. Ravi*

He also indicated that there appeared to have been attempts to suppress the incident. "However, once the Police received information, they secured the accused and began the investigation," he added.

Deeply shameful: C.T. Ravi

MLC C.T. Ravi termed the incident "deeply shameful and unacceptable." In a post on X, he said the assault on a foreign national in Kutta village "strikes at the very ethos of India's 'Atithi Devo Bhava'."

"This is not just a crime against an individual, but a blot on the nation's image and values. I urge the State Government to take swift and stringent action and ensure justice without delay. Safety, dignity and accountability must be non-negotiable," he said. He also urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to order a thorough probe and ensure justice to the victim.

Forest Guard drowns in Kabini Backwaters

H.D. Kote, Apr. 22 (MTY&KS)- A Forest Guard, who went for a swim in Kabini Backwaters near Udbur Camp in the taluk, drowned this morning. The deceased is **Supreeth** (32), a resident of Ankanathapura village in the taluk who was serving as a Forest Guard at the Anti Poaching Camp in Antharasanthe. He, along with two other forest staff, went for a swim in the backwaters during which Supreeth drowned.

Forest Department officials and Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who reached the spot, have launched a search operation to trace and fish out his body.

World Book Day celebration tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 22- The Department of Public Libraries and Mysuru City Central Library, in association with Baalya Foundation, will celebrate World Book Day (World Book and Copyright Day) and International Women's Day at the People's Park Central Library in Nazarbad at 12.30 pm tomorrow (Apr. 23).

The event will feature the launch of a campaign for reuse of unused pages of note books, felicitation to Government employees, who used public libraries for getting employment and also felicitation to best Library employees who are employed on honorarium basis.

Mysuru Regional Commissioner Nitesh Patil will inaugurate the event while former Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes Ramesh Narasaiah will preside, according to a press release.

35th Brahmothsava at Sri Krishna Temple from Apr. 23 to 29

Mysuru, Apr. 22 - Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust, Gokulam 3rd Stage, has organised 35th Brahmothsava at its Sri Krishna Temple from Apr. 23 to 29.

On this occasion, Sudarshana Homa, Kalyanothsava, Rathotsava will be conducted along with cultural events.

On May 3 at 6.30 pm, a dance programme will be held and noted danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy will be felicitated by Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Trust and Sri Krishna Gana Sabha.

The Brahmothsava programme schedule is as follows:

Apr. 23 at 9 am: Anugne, Vasudeva Punyahavachana and Mahabhisheka; **6 pm :** Swasthivachana, Ankurarpana, Garuda Prathiste, Homas and Hamsavahanothsava.

Apr. 24 at 9 am: Utsava, Dwajarohana, Kumbharadhana Poorvaka and Yagashala Pravesha; **6 pm:** Vishnu Sahasranama Homa and Chandramandalothsava.

Apr. 25 at 9 am: Chatusthanarchanapurvaka Nitya Homa, Maha Sudarshana Homa, Poornahuti and Garudotsava; **6 pm:** Rukmini Kalyanotsava and Laja Homa.

Apr. 26 at 6 am: Rathanga Homa, Rathasnapana and Mantapotsava at Alwar Kalabhavan; **7.15 am to 8.15 am:** Divya Ratharohana; Rathotsava is taken out in procession in Gokulam 3rd Stage; **6 pm:** Chatusthanarchana, Nithya Homa and Shanthyotsava.

Apr. 27 at 9 am: Chatusthanarchana, Nithya Homa, Ashtalakshmi Homa and Dolothsava; **6 pm:** Ramatharaka Homa, Panchamukhi Hanuman, Mantra Homa and Hanumanthotsava.

Apr. 28 at 9 am: Prakarothsava and Nithya Homa; **6 pm:** Shanti Homa, Mahapoornahuthi, Dwajavarohana, Pushpayaga and Rashtraasheervada.

Apr. 29 at 9 am: Avabhruta Snana (Chakra Snana) and Amrutha Kalashabhisheka; **6.30 pm:** Music Concert by Vidu. Anughya & Party; **8 pm:** Vaibhava Shayanotsava.

SC internal reservation Special Cabinet meeting on Apr. 24

Bengaluru, Apr. 22 (UNI)- A large-scale government recruitment push in Karnataka has effectively been put on hold, with over 2.5 lakh vacancies waiting in the pipeline as the State Government moves to resolve the internal reservation framework for Scheduled Castes (SCs).

At the heart of the delay is a policy decision that has now become a political and administrative flashpoint: without finalising the internal reservation matrix, recruitment to nearly 65,000 immediate vacancies cannot proceed, sources said.

The Karnataka Government has convened a special Cabinet meeting on Apr. 24 to discuss the issue. The meeting was earlier scheduled for Mar. 27 but was postponed due to the model code of conduct for bypolls to Davangere South and Bagalkot Assembly segments on Apr. 9.

With poll process over, the government is revisiting the long-pending file amid growing pressure to accelerate recruitment. The urgency is being driven by rising unrest among unemployed youths across the State. A large-scale protest by job aspirants in Hubballi on Feb. 24 had flagged delays in government hiring and intensified calls for action.

Sources said the State is now attempting to balance legal, social and political considerations while finalising the internal reservation structure.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

The Road is Mine. And Mine Alone!

I drove a reasonably sensible car. I followed lane discipline, stopped at red lights and always used indicators at turns. This made me a minority community on Mysuru roads. Not a protected one, unfortunately.

Every morning, I navigated the seven kilometres from home to office. It took between thirty minutes and a small emotional crisis, depending on the day. I had learned to budget for both.

The red light was where philosophical differences first became visible. The signal turned red and I stopped. The driver behind me did not understand why I had done this. He honked. Once, then again with feeling. A third time with existential urgency, as though the light turning green depended on the volume and frequency of his horn.

The driver to my left inched forward. Then more forward. Then he was at the centre of the intersection, which was technically illegal, but nobody was keeping score. When the signal finally turned green, vehicles from the crossing direction had also decided to move simultaneously, because their red light was apparently a suggestion rather than an instruction. What followed was a brief democratic negotiation conducted entirely through honk and gesture.

I came to admire this negotiation. It was remarkable that a country which could not agree on very much had found such perfect common ground here. The common ground being that traffic rules applied to everyone except the person currently driving.

The two-wheeler culture deserved its own chapter. Three people on a scooter was not unusual. Four was aspirational. The child at the very front stood and looked out at the world with the expression of someone conducting a field study. None of them wore helmets because helmets were for people who expected accidents and this driver did not expect one. He was an optimist. A fast one, weaving between a bus and an autorickshaw at a speed that would have impressed a professional stunt rider.

The wrong-way driver was a separate and committed category. One-way streets presented a philosophical challenge to a certain kind of motorist. He acknowledged that the road was one way. He simply disagreed with the direction it had chosen. So, he drove against traffic, slowly, with great confidence, as though the forty vehicles coming toward him were the ones who were confused. He flashed his headlights to inform us of our error. Nobody moved. He did not move either. The situation resolved itself eventually through a process I can only describe as collective exasperation.

Then there was the honking. I was honked at while waiting at a signal, while parking legally, while pausing to let a pedestrian cross and once, memorably, while stationary in a traffic jam that stretched as far as the eye could see. The honk in that last case achieved nothing except expressing solidarity with the other horns already engaged in the same exercise. There was something almost musical about a good traffic jam. A symphony of impatience played by an orchestra that did not sound musical.

The cow deserved a mention. She stood in the middle of the road with the composure of someone who had read the Constitution and found her rights clearly listed. She did not move for honks. She did not move for buses. She turned her head occasionally to observe the chaos she had created and returned to her original thoughts, which appeared to be about nothing in particular. She was the most serene creature on the Mysuru road. She was the only one following the spirit of right of way.

At a busy crossing stood a Police Constable. I noticed him because I expected him to notice the chaos. He did not. He was on his phone, scrolling with the focused attention of a man conducting important research. Cars crossed from all directions. A scooter came up the wrong way. The cow held her position. The Constable scrolled on.

India holds the unfortunate and avoidable record of reporting the highest number of road traffic accidents in the world. These are not statistics that live in government reports alone. They are sons and daughters who did not come home. They are families altered permanently by a moment of impatience on a road that belonged to everyone.

The solution is not complicated. It is just inconvenient. If every driver in Mysuru that morning had shared the road with a little civility and a little caution, nobody would have needed to negotiate, nobody would have needed to weave and the Police Constable could have scrolled in peace without it mattering.

I noticed something on the rare occasions when someone gave way. The other driver almost always lifted a hand. A small gesture. Half a second. Then the chaos resumed. But it happened every time, which told me that somewhere beneath all the honking, the person was still there.

We are not a rude people. We are an impatient one. Impatience is something we can work on. The road would be a very good place to start. Because the road belongs to all of us. Including the cow. It is up to us to keep it safe for everyone.

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM). 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles meant to bring a smile by highlighting the funny side of everyday life.]

Alcohol strength-based liquor tax system on cards

Tax on alcoholic beverages set to be based on their actual alcohol content

Bengaluru, Apr. 22 (UNI)- Karnataka is set to overhaul its liquor taxation system, proposing a shift from the existing bottle-based structure to one linked to alcohol strength. This move could reshape pricing across categories, from beer to whisky.

In a draft notification issued under amendments to the Karnataka Excise Rules, 1968, the State Government has proposed an Alcohol-by-Volume (ABV)-based excise duty framework.

The new system seeks to tax alcoholic beverages based on their actual alcohol content rather than packaging category or fixed price slabs. Central to the proposal is the concept of "Alcohol-in-Beverage" (AIB), which calculates duty based on the quantity of pure alcohol per litre.

Under the draft, distilled spirits supplied to distributors will attract an excise duty of Rs. 1,000 per litre of pure alcohol, irrespective of whether they are manufactured within the State, sourced from other parts of the country or imported. A similar rate has been proposed for bottled beer at the wholesale level.

Structural change in policy

The proposed shift marks a structural change in the State's excise policy, linking revenue more directly to alcohol strength. Industry observers say stronger beverages could become costlier under a uniform alcohol-content benchmark, while lighter variants may see relative price adjustments.

For supplies to defence and paramilitary canteens, however, the existing bulk-litre system will continue for now. Beer in this segment will remain taxed at Rs. 12 per bulk litre for alcohol content up to 5 percent and Rs. 20 per bulk litre for beer with 5 to 8 percent alcohol content.

The draft also proposes changes to Schedule D, introducing a hybrid model that combines price-based slabs with per-litre alcohol taxation and suggests a phased transition rather than an immediate shift.

Officials said the proposal will be finalised after a public consultation process, during which objections and suggestions will be examined by Finance Department.

If implemented, the reform could mark a significant shift in Karnataka's excise regime, aligning taxation more closely with alcohol strength and potentially resetting pricing across retail and hospitality segments.

Silver Jubilee of State Political Science Teachers Assn.

Former Assembly Speaker to inaugurate 3-day Conference

Ramesh Kumar

Mysuru, Apr. 22 (BS)- A three-day 21st Conference and Silver Jubilee celebrations of Karnataka State Political Science Teachers Association has been organised under the joint aegis of Department of Studies in Political Science and Public Administration, University of Mysore, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Department of Studies in Political Science and Research, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) and Karnataka State Political Science Teachers Association, from tomorrow (Apr. 23) at KSOU's Cauvery auditorium in Mukthagangothri campus in the city.

The main theme of the Conference is 'Review of Political Science: State, Society, Market and Person' and discussion on relevant themes centred around System of the State, Social Changes, Market Power and The Role of Persons among others.

Former Assembly Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar will inaugurate the Conference at 10 am tomorrow. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will preside. Higher Education Minister Dr. M.C. Sudhakar and erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar will participate as the chief guests.

Retired Professor Valerian Rodrigues from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, will deliver the keynote address.

'Karnataka Journal of Politics' a professional newsletter will be released on the occasion. The first edition will be released by UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath and second edition by KSOU VC Dr. Sharanappa V. Halse.

In the first session, Prof. H.M. Sanjeev Kumar from Delhi University, will speak on the topic 'United Nations in The Contemporary Global System'. KSOU Dean (Retd.) Prof. Chambi Puranik will chair the session. Cultural event will be held at 7 pm.

On Apr. 24, Vice-President of Nitte Deemed to be University, Bengaluru, Prof. Sandeep Shastri, also a Political Analyst, will speak on 'Strengthening of Federal System in Contemporary India.' Prof. M. Umapathy will chair the session along with Prof. P.L. Dharma.

On Apr. 25, a special session with politicians is scheduled from 10 am to 12 noon, under the chairmanship of Prof. H.M. Rajashekar. MLA G.T. Devegowda will speak on 'Electoral Politics'; MLA S. Suresh Kumar on 'House Sessions'; MLA A.R. Krishnamurthy on 'Politics in Reserved Constituencies' and Vice-Chairperson of Karnataka State Guarantee Implementation Authority Dr. Pushpa Amarnath on 'Women's Politics'.

During the third session (12.15 pm to 1.45 pm) Ramon Magsaysay Awardee P. Sainath will speak on 'Politicisation of Agricultural Crisis and India'. Prof. K.C. Basavaraju (retd.) will chair.

The valedictory address will be delivered by journalist, activist and writer Shivasundar. Founder-President of Karnataka State Political Science Teachers Association Prof. R.L.M. Patil will preside. UoM Registrar Prof. M.K. Savitha and KSOU Registrar Prof. S.K. Naveen Kumar will be the chief guests.

Director of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre Prof. S. Narendra Kumar, KSOU Political Science retired Professor K.J. Suresh, UoM Political Science retired Professor G.T. Ramachandrappa and Founder-Secretary of the Association Prof. Jayaprakash Mavinakuli, will be the special guests.

Mysuru Scientist appointed to FSSAI's top National Committee

Hariprasad

Mysuru, Apr. 22- The Union Government has appointed Prof. P. Hariprasad of Mysuru to a high-level committee under the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on Rapid Analytical Food Testing. He is among nine experts selected from across the country.

Currently, a Professor at the Centre for Rural Development and Technology, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, Prof. Hariprasad brings decades of expertise in Agricultural Microbial Bio-technology, Applied Secondary Metabolomics and Rapid Detection Kit development.

Beginning his career as a DBT Research Associate at Mysuru's CSIR-CFTRI, Prof. Hariprasad later joined IIT, Delhi as an Assistant Professor in 2013. He was promoted as Associate Professor in 2020 and as Professor in 2025.

A prolific researcher, he has published many research articles and received several honours.

The Centre has now appointed him to this National Committee to strengthen food safety and quality standards.

Lifestyle expo begins

Summer Edit '26, a two-day lifestyle exhibition organised by High Style, was inaugurated at Hotel Regenta Central Javaji (near AIISH) in city this morning. Artisans and vendors from various cities are displaying their products including exquisite silk sarees, designer clothing and unique artefacts. The one-stop shop for all the shopping enthusiasts will be open for visitors today and tomorrow from 10.30 am to 8 pm. Picture shows Organisers Smitha Balu and H.M. Ramya with the guests.

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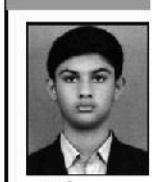

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WORD OF THE DAY

Panache

Pronunciation: puh-NAHSH (noun).

Meaning: In simplest terms, panache refers to lively grace and style; it appears in contexts in which words like verve and flair are also applied.

Origin: Few literary characters can match the panache of French poet and soldier Cyrano de Bergerac, from Edmond Rostand's 1897 play of the same name. In his dying moments, Cyrano declares that one thing left to him is his panache, and that assertion at once demonstrates the meaning of the word and draws upon its history. In both French and English, panache (which traces back to Late Latin pinnaculum, "small wing") originally referred to a showy, feathery plume on a hat or helmet. Our familiar figurative sense debuted in the first English translation of Rostand's play, which made the literal plume a metaphor for Cyrano's unflagging verve even in death. In a 1903 speech Rostand himself described panache: "A little frivolous perhaps, most certainly a little theatrical, panache is nothing but a grace which is so difficult to retain in face of death, a grace which demands so much strength that, all the same, it is a grace... which I wish for all of us."

THE ODD WORD

Pallasethesia

Sense of vibration.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A penny for the guy

Meaning: 'A penny for the guy' is the request that children make when begging for money to buy fireworks for Bonfire Night celebrations.

Origin: The expression 'A penny for the guy' holds a nostalgic significance for many English people. In this phrase, 'guy' refers to Guy Fawkes, a historical figure with a central role in English history. Fawkes was involved in a 1605 plot to assassinate King James I. The plot was foiled when he was discovered with 36 barrels of gunpowder beneath the Parliament building.

Guy Fawkes met a gruesome end, hanged, drawn, and quartered for his involvement in the plot. Despite his fate, the memory of the Gunpowder Plot persisted through the centuries. The famous rhyme "Remember, remember the 5th of November, The gunpowder treason and plot..." is still recited, and the events of November 5th, 1605 have been commemorated for over 400 years. Traditionally, people would construct effigies of Guy Fawkes, known as 'the guy,' and burn them on bonfires during these commemorations. The phrase 'Penny for the guy' emerged when children would create a 'guy' made of old clothes and ask for pennies from passers by.

QUOTE BOX

One penny may seem to you a very insignificant thing, but it is the small seed from which fortunes spring.—**Orison Swett Marden**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

esroh riding

Answer: Horse back riding.

SUDOKU

	1		9			2		
				5	3			7
8					6			
	5	1						3
	6						4	
7						9	8	
			3					1
5			6	8				
		2			7		5	

Answer to previous puzzle

2	1	5	8	3	4	9	7	6
3	8	7	1	9	6	5	4	2
9	4	6	2	7	5	3	1	8
6	2	4	5	8	7	1	3	9
5	3	8	4	1	9	2	6	7
1	7	9	6	2	3	8	5	4
8	6	1	3	4	2	7	9	5
4	9	3	7	5	8	6	2	1
7	5	2	9	6	1	4	8	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

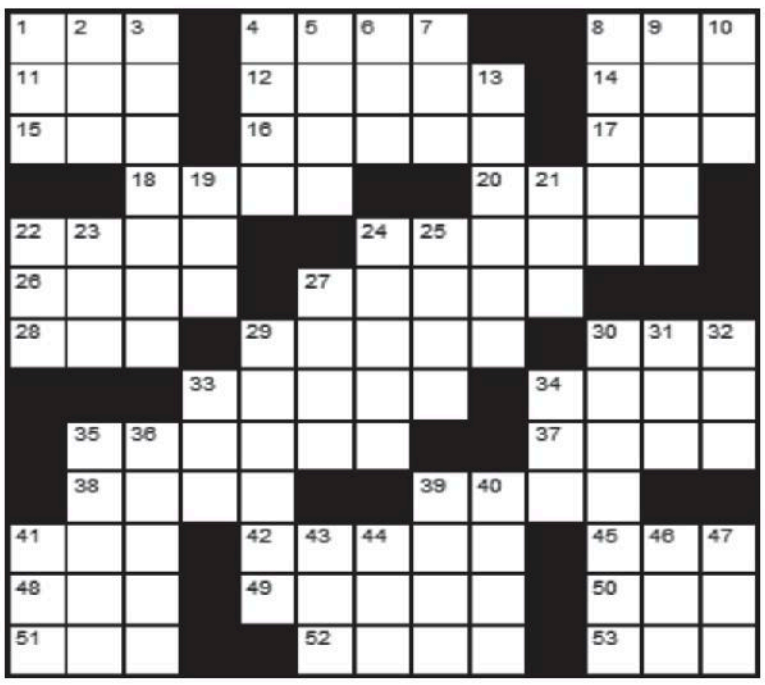
1 Anger
4 Nimble
8 Long playing records, in short
11 2010 for the Romans
12 Yearned
14 Debt reminder
15 Public Sector Undertaking, in short
16 Of equal value? (2,3)
17 Minimum, abbr.
18 Tax on imports
20 Heavenly bodies, as the sun and moon
22 Water from the clouds
24 Grumble or complain
26 Hindu god of fire
27 Sheer fabric
28 Slow run
29 Upper coverings of houses or buildings
30 Diameter, in short?
33 Famed style of Dutch earthenware
34 Greasy
35 A negotiation between enemies
37 Be afraid of
38 Eye complaint
39 Attic
41 Calorie in short
42 Tennis legend ___ Djokovic
45 Integrated Modular Avionics
48 In the style of (1,2)
49 Belonging to those people
50 Sign of assent
51 Navigation Mgmnt. Sys.
52 Other in Spanish
53 Divine being

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	L	A	■	A	S	K	■	C	A	S	A	
S	O	U	■	N	A	E	■	O	L	E	G	
A	U	D	I	E	N	C	E	■	N	A	N	A
■	A	L	T	E	R	N	A	T	E	D	■	
G	E	C	K	O	■	A	E	R	O	■	■	
E	L	I	■	■	■	S	T	U	N	G	■	
S	A	T	R	A	P	■	T	Y	R	A	N	T
■	N	Y	A	S	A	■	■	■	T	A	O	
■	■	■	V	A	P	I	■	L	A	I	T	Y
■	R	E	A	D	Y	S	E	T	G	O	■	
B	E	R	G	■	R	E	D	D	E	N	E	D
R	A	S	E	■	U	R	I	■	■	A	T	E
A	P	E	D	■	S	E	T	■	■	L	A	W

DOWN

1 A mischievous child
2 Railway Mail Service, in short
3 Dripping, leaking or secreting
4 Petty quarrel
5 Sorrow for others suffering
6 Required Navigation Performance
7 Archaic affirmative
8 Arms and legs!
9 Hang in suspense
10 Great luminary?
13 Slobbers
19 One as a prefix
21 Regret - in a French street!
22 Indian rule
23 Time past, as in "Long long ____ "?
24 A person who is not too smart?
25 Cleft or fissure
27 Lemming's kin
29 Soften
30 Restricting food intake
31 ___ Arun : "Parde-ke-piche..." singer?
32 Scottish port
33 Lacking moisture
34 Away; not on ?
35 Sacred song
36 Book of maps
39 Den
40 Ladies' fingers
41 U.S. neighbour, in short?
43 Exclamation of surprise
44 Pug physician
46 Sound of a cow
47 ___ two and two and get four?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UAJEMEMF EX QBQAWUREMF. URQ ZQJDR YJX

IMDQ J HEUUQA JKPIML; DJOKEVKIYQA EX HOU

DJHHJFQ YEUR J DIKKQFQ QLODJUEIM.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.

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  Mr. X (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Bhooth Bangla (H) - 3 Shows

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		7.25 pm, 10.15 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	(S-1)	3.55 pm; (S-3) 10.05 am
	(S-4)	7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 1 pm; (S-4) 4 pm
Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Oru Durooha Saahavharyathil (Ma)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Vaazha II: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	(S-2)	10 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 6 pm
Pallichattambi (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 mohiniyattam (Ma)	(S-4)	10.10 am
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm

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Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	12.45 pm, 5.10 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	9.30 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	:	12.45 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.35 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	1.30 pm, 6.05 pm
		9.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1.30 pm, 6.50 pm
Pallichattambi (Ma)	:	4.15 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Vaazha II: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	9.30 am, 2.30 pm, 5.55 pm
		6.55 pm, 9.20 pm 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	9.35 am, 5.25 pm, 10 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 12.50 pm, 7.20 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10 am, 3.50 pm
BTS World Tour 'Arirang' in Japan: Live Viewing (Korean)	:	11 am
BTS World Tour 'Arirang' in Japan: Re-Broadcasting (Korean)	:	3 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	11.15 am
Bad Boy Karthik (Te)	:	12.50 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	12.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	2.10 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	3.55 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	4 pm
Pallichattambi (Ma)	:	7.05 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	9.50 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Mr. X (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 4.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	9.45 am, 11.05 am, 2.30 pm
		3.20 pm, 6.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	10.45 am
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	5.55 pm, 10.20 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	1.05 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	7.10 pm
Oru Durooha Saahacharyathil (Ma)	:	7.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 22)

- **Ajjana Mane - Kala Prapancha:** Sri Shankara Namana, Vadya Namana - 'Laya Shankara' by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy and troupe; Vacho Namana - Discourse by Dr. V.B. Arathi on 'Sadhana Chatushtaya,' Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **4 pm.**

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EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 23)

- **Sri Renukadevi Karaga Devasthanada Trust, Ittigegud:** Sri Chamundeshwari and Sri Mariyamma's 102nd Annual Mysuru Karaga Mahotsava, various rituals, Temple premises, **7 am onwards.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women, Mysuru:** Geethayaana - 2026, Annual Techno-Cultural Fest, Prakash Belawadi, Actor, Director and Screenwriter, inaugurates, Praveen Mysore, Vice-President, Global Product Technology and Head of India Tech Hub, lululemon, guest of honour, Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, President, GSSS, presides, Anupama B. Pandit, Secretary, GSSS, R.K. Bharath, Board Member & CEO GSSS, Management Committee members of GSSS and Dr. M. Shivakumar, Principal, GSSSIETW, Mysuru, will attend, M. Govinda Rao Memorial Hall, GSSSIETW, **10.30 am.**
- **District Administration, Kannada & Culture Department, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Mysuru Sri Bhagiratha Jayantyotsava Samiti:** Bhagiratha Jayanti celebrations, Dr. Sri Purushottamananda and Sri Mahadevaswamiji will grace the occasion, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Sarada Vilas College retd. Principal Dr. M. Govindaraju will deliver a lecture, Kalamandira, **12 noon.**
- **Vidyavardhaka First Grade College (VVFGC), Seshadri Iyer Road:** Valedictory of Co-curricular Activities 2025-26, Prof. D.S. Prathima, Joint Director, Regional Joint Director Office, Department of Collegiate Education, Mysuru, delivers valedictory address, Gundappa Gowda, Hon. President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS), presides, P. Vishwanath, Hon. Secretary, VVS, Srishailaramannavar, Hon. Treasurer, VVS and T. Nagaraju, Chairman, CMC, VVFGC, guests of honour, College premises, **3 pm.**
- **Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra, Sri Uttaradi Mutt, Srirampura:** Anniversary celebrations, Gayatri Chintana Pravachana by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Mutt premises, **4 pm to 6.30 pm.**

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Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	9.25 am, 12.50 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	9.45 am, 4.15 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	:	10 am, 6.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	11 am, 5.45 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	1.10 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	12.35 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
LIK: Love Insurance Kompany (Ta)	:	3.35 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	8.50 am, 12.15 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	9.40 am, 1.10 pm, 7 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	10 am, 2.35 pm, 10 pm
Mr. X (Ta)	:	10 am, 12.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	3.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	4.10 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	7.10 pm
Bengaluru Inn (K)	:	10.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Book release on Apr. 26

Mysuru, Apr. 22- 'Baduku Omme Maatra', the Kannada version of a collection of English articles by author Dr. N. Prabhudeva, a former Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, will be released under the aegis of Anveshana Seva Trust, at the Institution of Engineers on JLB Road in city at 10.45 am on Apr.26.

The book has been translated into Kannada by Srinivas Bahaddur and Bhramara Bahaddur and Published by city's Vaidyavartha Prakashana.

MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah will inaugurate the event. Jayadeva Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. K.S. Sadananda will release the book. For details, call: 94484-02092 or 98804-12045.

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